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1.	Statement			100
	Novelty (N)	Claims	1-13	YES
		Claims		NO
	Inventive step (IS)	Claims	_1-13	YES
		Claims		NO
	Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1-13	YES
		Claims		NO

- 2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)
 - 1. INDEPENDENT CLAIM 1
 - 1.1 US 2003/150829, which is considered to be the most relevant prior art, describes a merchandise display unit identical to the one described in the preamble of claim 1.

The problem solved by the invention is that of providing the merchandise display unit with a small ratchet device so as to minimise vibrations when the back panel moves relative to the track.

To solve this problem, the invention includes a ratchet device separate from the broad folds of the track, operating by the engagement of at least one notched extension on the sliding back panel and at least one matching counterpart on the track supporting said back panel.

These features are novel and cannot be derived in an obvious manner from the cited documents by a person skilled in the art seeking to solve the above-mentioned problem.

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1.2	For the above reasons, the subject matter of claim
	1 and dependent claims 2 to 13 meets the
	requirements of PCT Article 33(2) and 33(3).
1.3	The industrial applicability of the subject matter
	of the invention is obvious (PCT Article 33(4)).
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